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AAI holds airport feasibility study

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The Airports Authority of India (AAI) had conducted a pre-feasibility study for development of a greenfield airport in Bhadradri-Kothagudem district last month, Union minister of state for civil aviation Murlidhar Mohol told the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday. The study was conducted following a request from the state

government, Mohol said while replying to a question by Congress member M. Anil Kumar Yadav from Telangana. He asked whether the Centre had taken steps to set up a new airport in Telangana and fixed a tentative schedule to make it operational. Mohol said that as per greenfield airports policy of 2008, if any airport developer desired to develop an airport, they were required to identify a suitable site.



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OMISSION | Concern as city has a thriving economy that heavily depends on rapid cargo movement **Surat airport overlooked in RS reply**

FPJ NEWS SERVICE

SURAT

A recent response tabled in the Rajya Sabha regarding India's air cargo capacity has raised eyebrows, particularly in Surat's diamond, gems, and jewelry sector. Despite Surat's prominence as a global hub for diamond processing and exports, its airport is conspicuously missing from the list of domestic air cargo terminals and proposed international air cargo hubs.

Surat's Absence in the Official Record

The answer, provided by Minister of State for Civil Aviation Shri Murlidhar Mohol, details the government's efforts to enhance air cargo capacity across various states. However, there is no mention of Surat Airport in either the list of existing domestic cargo terminals or the upcoming projects under the Airports Authority of India's subsidiary, AAICLAS. This omission raises serious



concerns, as Surat has a thriving economy that heavily depends on rapid cargo movement. The city is home to India's largest diamond polishing industry and a significant portion of the country's textile exports. Given these industries' reliance on efficient air cargo facilities, the exclusion of Surat from future plans appears highly questionable.

International Cargo Terminal – A Glaring Oversight

While the response lists 30 international air cargo terminals across India, including in cities with comparatively lower cargo demands, Surat is absent from this list as well. Even the upcoming air cargo hubs, which include locations like Bhubaneswar, Lucknow, and Madurai, do not feature Surat.

Industry experts and business leaders in Surat have long demanded an international cargo terminal to streamline exports and reduce dependency on Mumbai and Ahmedabad airports. Yet, the Rajya Sabha response provides no indication that such a facility is being considered in the near future.

Demand from Surat's Industries Continues

to Grow

Surat's exporters have been vocal about the need for dedicated cargo facilities, particularly for handling high-value goods like diamonds, textiles, and gems. Currently, cargo from Surat is often routed through Mumbai, increasing transit times and costs.

A leading diamond exporter, speaking on the condition of anonymity, expressed frustration:

"Surat contributes billions to India's export economy. It is unacceptable that our airport is not even considered for international cargo expansion. This is a massive oversight that hurts our industry."

Why is Surat Being Ignored?

The omission of Surat Airport from the government's air cargo plans raises several questions:

- Why has Surat not been included in the list of domestic cargo facilities despite its growing demand?

- Why is there no mention of an international air cargo terminal at Surat, despite the city being a global diamond hub?

- Has the government assessed the economic impact of this exclusion on Surat's export industries?

- Is there a lack of political will, or are there bureaucratic hurdles preventing Surat's inclusion in future air cargo projects?

With Surat's business community seeking answers, it is imperative that the Civil Aviation Ministry provides clarity on whether Surat's air cargo infrastructure will receive the attention it deserves. The lack of action on this front could hinder the city's economic potential and place unnecessary logistical burdens on exporters.

It is now up to Surat's political representatives, industry bodies, and the broader business community to push for the inclusion of Surat Airport in India's air cargo expansion plans.



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THE HINDU

CHENNAI

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INBRIEF



Fog-induced poor visibility delays flights at airport

Quite a few flights were delayed at the Chennai airport, and some of them were diverted from Chennai to Bengaluru owing to fog-induced poor visibility on Tuesday morning. Officials of the Airports Authority of India said flights from London, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Coimbatore, Muscat, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore could not land. They were later diverted to the Bengaluru airport. "Around 6 a.m., the visibility started to drop to 600 metres. Around 7 a.m., it dipped to 150 metres. After 9 a.m., the weather improved, and the visibility became better," an official said.



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THE MORNING STANDARD

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Airports Authority of India celebrates 76th R-Day at Kolkata Airport

Kolkata: The Airports Authority of India (AAI), Regional Headquarters, Eastern Region, marked the 76th Republic Day with great fervor and pride at the AAI Operational Office Building, NSCBI Airport, Kolkata, on 26th January 2025. The celebration commenced with the unfurling of the national flag by Smt. Nivedita Dubey, Regional Executive Director, Eastern Region, Airports Authority of India. A guard of honor was presented by a joint team comprising Fire Crew and CISF personnel, symbolizing the spirit of patriotism and dedication.





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BUSINESS STANDARD

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JSW plans airport foray with Andal project

Move via JSW Infra; to buy stake from private investors in BAPL



JSW Steel Chairman Sajjan Jindal at the Bengal Global Business Summit, on Wednesday

PHOTO: PTI

ISHITA AYAN DUTT
Kolkata, 5 February

Sajjan Jindal-led JSW group is looking to invest in West Bengal's only greenfield airport project at Andal, in Paschim Bardhaman district.

"This would be our first entry into the airport business," JSW chairman Sajjan Jindal said on the sidelines of the 8th edition of Bengal Global Business Summit in Kolkata.

The foray would be through JSW Infrastructure, which would be buying a stake from private investors in Bengal Aerotropolis Projects Ltd (BAPL). The West Bengal government owns a 26 per cent stake in BAPL while Singapore's Changi

Airports has 33 per cent.

"We want the government of West Bengal to remain and Changi to remain. The other partners will probably sell out," Jindal said.

It's not just the airport, Jindal is also interested in the Aerotropolis project.

"We want to develop the whole Aerotropolis township and industrial park there. It's a very exciting project. The catchment area is very big — Durgapur, Asansol, Kharagpur, right up to Jharkhand," he said.

However, there were certain issues with the land, which need to be resolved, he said. "We want a clean slate," Jindal said.



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हिसार एयरपोर्ट पर वायुसेना के 2 फाइटर प्लेन उतरे, दिन भर प्रशिक्षण के बाद लौटे



हिसार एयरपोर्ट पर पहुंचे लड़ाकू विमान।

हिसार | महाराजा अग्रसेन हिसार एयरपोर्ट पर बुधवार को 2 सुखाई लड़ाकू विमान उतारे गए। भारतीय वायुसेना की सिरसा एयर स्टेशन से पहुंचे दल ने दिन भर यहां प्रशिक्षण लिया। शाम करीब 4 बजे के आसपास दोनों लड़ाकू विमान वापस लौट गए। एयरपोर्ट से जुड़े सूत्रों का कहना है कि लड़ाकू विमान सिरसा एयरफोर्स के स्टेशन की तरफ वापस उड़ान भर गए। अब गुरुवार को वापस आएंगे। सिरसा वायुसेना स्टेशन के ग्रुप कैप्टन रीतम कुमार इस कार्यक्रम का नेतृत्व कर रहे हैं। सुखोई की खास बात: असल में सुखोई एक रूसी लड़ाकू विमान है।

हिसार एयरपोर्ट पर उड़ान भरते हुए विमान।





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GMR Airports signs up with UNGC on SDGs

GMR Airports Ltd (GAL) announced its membership in United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), a corporate sustainability initiative. GMR Airports has pledged to align its strategies and operations with the ten principles of the UNGC. "This commitment reinforces our responsibility to create resilient airports that connect communities and also protect our planet," said Kiran Kumar Gandhi, CEO and MD, GAL.



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DAINIK NAVJYOTI

JAIPUR

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जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर मनाया सीआईएसएफ का इंडक्शन डे



नवज्योति, जयपुर। जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर सोमवार को सीआईएसएफ का इंडक्शन डे मनाया गया। इस दौरान डॉग स्व्वावड और जवानों ने करतब दिखाए।

जयपुर भारत का पहला एयरपोर्ट है, जहां 3 फरवरी, 2000 (25 साल पहले) को सीआईएसएफ ने सुरक्षा का जिम्मेदारी संभाली थी। इस मौके पर मुख्य अतिथि जयपुर पुलिस कमिश्नर बीजू जीर्ज जोसाफ और विशिष्ट अतिथि चीफ एयरपोर्ट ऑफिसर विष्णु मोहन झा रहे। इस

मौके पर सीआईएसएफ के सैनिक कमांडेंट नरपत सिंह ने पिछले एक साल में सीआईएसएफ की उपलब्धियों की जानकारी दी। कमांडेंट सिंह ने बताया कि पिछले कई सालों से सीआईएसएफ अपना काम मुस्तैदी से करती आई है हर तरह के हालात संभालने को तैयार है। इस मौके पर सीआईएसएफ डॉग स्व्वावड ने करतब दिखाया। क्यूआरटी के सुरक्षा जवानों ने हथियार खोलने और बंद करने, सीआईपी सुरक्षा से जुड़े करतब दिखाए।

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रांची एयरपोर्ट पर भूकंप के झटकों से गिरी बिल्डिंग

रांची। बिरसा मुंडा एयरपोर्ट पर मंगलवार को टर्मिनल भवन में बैठे यात्रियों ने दो बार भूकंप के झटके महसूस किए। फिर एक-एक कर टर्मिनल भवन में मौजूद यात्रियों को बाहर निकाला गया। कुछ यात्री बेहोश



गए, जिन्हें सीआईएसएफ के जवानों ने स्ट्रेचर के माध्यम से बाहर निकाला। बता दे कि एयरपोर्ट परिसर में एक बिल्डिंग भूकंप के झटके से गिर चुकी है।



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प्रयागराज एयरपोर्ट ने बनाया नया कीर्तिमान, एक दिन में 11 हजार से ज्यादा यात्रियों का हुआ आवागमन

प्रयागराज। कुंभ 2019 में ही शुरू हुआ प्रयागराज सिविल एयरपोर्ट पर महाकुंभ का प्रभाव देखिए, प्रयागराज एयरपोर्ट नित नए कीर्तिमान बना रहा है और स्वयं उसे तोड़ भी रहा है।

एयरपोर्ट पर 10 हजार से अधिक विमानों के आवागमन का कीर्तिमान मात्र

तीन दिनों में ही टूट गया। चार फरवरी को पहली बार एक ही दिन में 11,560 यात्रियों और 87 विमानों का आवागमन हुआ।

इसमें 179 विशिष्ट यात्रियों को लेकर 15 चार्टर भी आए-गए। इसी तिथि पर पहली बार दिल्ली के लिए दस और मुंबई के

लिए आठ विमानों का संचालन हुआ और अपने आप में यह भी एक नया कीर्तिमान है। 10 जनवरी को 106 साल के विमान सेवा इतिहास में पहली बार प्रयागराज से रात में यात्री विमान उड़ा, जबकि 15 जनवरी को 93 वर्ष बाद अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ान (लारेन पावेल विमान

से भूटान गई) प्रयागराज में रवाना हुई। अब कीर्तिमान की सीढ़ी पर चार फरवरी का दिन भी अंकित हुआ। इस दिन समय सारिणी के अनुसार 36 विमान आए, 36 विमान रवाना हुए। यह भी पहली बार हुआ है कि 72 विमानों का आवागमन समय सारिणी के अनुसार हुआ है।



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KOLKATA

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Centre junks plan of Cooch- Behar airport expansion

SOUMYADIP MULICK

KOLKATA: Even as expansion plans are afoot for Kolkata's Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International (NSCBI) airport, the Centre has junked any such plans for Cooch Behar airport in North Bengal, citing unavailability of land for runway strip due to railway track.

The Union minister of State in Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA), Murlidhar Mohol has informed the Parliament that the upgradation of Cooch Behar airport is not feasible due to a combination of factors, one of them being unavailability of land for runway strip due

to railway track. It was learnt that the other factors involve high cost of box culvert over River Mora Torsha and diversion of railway track.

The airport has a runway of orientation 04/22 with dimensions 1069m x 30m. It is owned and operated by AAI and is suitable for handling 'Visual Flight Rules (VFR) Code 2B' type of aircraft. Such a Code indicates stricter visibility and cloud clearance requirements, often necessary for operations in congested airspace or near airports with complex traffic patterns. The airport is located at an elevation of 138 feet (42 m) above mean sea level and does not have any

Instrument Landing System (ILS). Presently, the airport has one parking bay for ATR-42 Type of aircraft and a passenger terminal building of area 2100 sqm. The airport was identified for operation of Regional Connectivity Scheme (UDAN) flights and made operational on February 21, 2023 after an expenditure of Rs 10.45 crore was made for its development.

It was learnt that as of January 12, 2025, the airline India One Air has operated 1122 flights, carrying a total of 8687 passengers. In 2024, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had approved the expansion of the airport's parking bay.



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RAJASTHAN PATRIKA

JAIPUR

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जयपुर एयरपोर्ट:

गड़बड़ाया फ्लाइट्स का संचालन

जयपुर@पत्रिका. जयपुर इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रियों को लगातार परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ रहा है। मंगलवार को भी ऐसा ही हुआ। एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की गुवाहाटी से जयपुर आने वाली फ्लाइट सवा घंटे की देरी से पहुंची। एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की पुणे और चेन्नई से आने वाली फ्लाइट्स भी देरी से जयपुर पहुंचीं। इंडिगो एयरलाइन की फ्लाइट्स, जो देहरादून, अहमदाबाद और मुंबई से जयपुर आ रही थीं, 20 मिनट से लेकर आधे घंटे तक देरी से पहुंचीं। एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की जयपुर से कोलकाता जाने वाली फ्लाइट भी तीन घंटे से ज्यादा देरी से रवाना हुई।



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AMAR UJALA

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इंडिगो पर जीएटसी प्राधिकरण ने लगाया 115.86 करोड़ जुर्माना

नई दिल्ली। जीएटसी प्राधिकरण ने विमानन कंपनी इंडिगो पर 115.86 करोड़ रुपये का जुर्माना लगाया है। इंडिगो ने बुधवार को कहा, इसमें से 113.02 करोड़ रुपये का जुर्माना ऑफशोर प्राप्तकर्ताओं को दी गई सेवाओं से जुड़ा है, जिन्हें जीएटसी अधिकारियों ने सेवाओं के निर्यात के रूप में नहीं माना। साथ ही, वित्त वर्ष 2017-18, 2018-19 और 2019-20 के लिए कुछ सेवाओं पर इनपुट टैक्स क्रेडिट देने से इन्कार कर दिया। एजेंसी



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हैदराबाद जा रहे चार्टर प्लेन का पायलट नशे में मिला, फ्लाइट रोकी

प्रशासन बोला- नशे में नहीं था, कफ सिरप पी थी

जयपुर | एयरपोर्ट पर मंगलवार को एक चार्टर विमान के पायलट के नशे में होने से फ्लाइट को रोक दिया गया। मामला हैदराबाद जा रहे विमान का है। दरअसल, चार्टर विमान सुबह 8:30 बजे हैदराबाद रवाना होना था। यात्री एयरपोर्ट पहुंच गए थे। इस दौरान पायलट की ब्रीद एनालाइजर (बीए) मशीन से जांच की गई, जो पॉजिटिव आई। ऐसे में विमान को रोक दिया गया। इससे यात्री एयरपोर्ट पर परेशान होते रहे। एयरपोर्ट प्रशासन का कहना था कि रिपोर्ट गलत है। पायलट ने तबीयत खराब होने से कफ सिरप पी हुई थी। इस वजह से बीए टेस्ट पॉजिटिव आया था।



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DESHBANDHU

DELHI

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इंडिगो एयर लाइन पर साढ़े चार लाख का जुर्माना

रामपुर, 5 फरवरी (एजेंसियां)। उत्तर प्रदेश के रामपुर जिले में विधिक माप विभाग ने इंडिगो एयरलाइंस पर साढ़े चार लाख रुपए का जुर्माना लगाया है। एयरलाइंस अपनी गलती मानते हुए जुर्माना जमा भी कर दिया है। विधिक माप विज्ञान विभाग अधिकारी मनोज कुमार ने बुधवार को बताया कि इंडिगो एयर लाईन ने यू ट्यूब पर अपनी एयर लाइन के एयर बस 320 में हवाई यात्रा करने वाले यात्रियों को लुभाने के लिए रिक्लाइन सीट एंगल और लॉन्ग स्पेस का साइज गैर कानूनी यूनिट इन्च में दिया था। केंद्र सरकार के द्वारा 1956 में मीट्रिक प्रणाली को अपनाया गया था, इसलिए विधिक माप विज्ञान अधिनियम 2009 की धारा 4 में प्रावधान है कि बाट माप की हर यूनिट, यूनिट्स की इंटरनेशनल सिस्टम पर आधारित मीट्रिक सिस्टम पर होगी।

उन्होंने बताया कि विधिक माप विज्ञान अधिनियम 2009 की धारा 11 में प्रावधान है कि कोई व्यक्ति किसी माल, वस्तु, सेवा के बारे में स्टैंडर्ड यूनिट्स के अलावा इस्तेमाल, एक्सप्रेस, डेमोंस्ट्रेट नहीं करेगा। कथित



एयरलाइंस अपनी गलती मानते हुए जमा किया जुर्माना

एडवर्टिजमेंट की आनलाईन यू ट्यूब पर जांच पड़ताल करने पर विधिक माप विज्ञान अधिनियम का उल्लंघन पाया गया। इसलिए कम्पनी के निदेशकों को शो काज नोटिस जारी किया गया। नोटिस का जवाब कम्पनी के लीगल सेल और उच्चतम न्यायालय की एक नामचीन लॉ फर्म ने दिया। विभाग द्वारा नोटिस के जवाब संतोषजनक नहीं पाया गया। इस पर जवाब को निरस्त कर कम्पनी को दोबारा नोटिस जारी किया गया। अबकी नोटिस में कहा गया कि आपका कृत्य विधिक माप विज्ञान अधिनियम 2009 की धारा 29, सहपठित जन विश्वास (संशोधन) अधिनियम 2023 के प्रावधानों के अधीन दंडनीय है।



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DGCA TRANSFERS OFFICIAL OVER VIOLATION OF TRAINING NORMS

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NEW DELHI: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has transferred its Director of Flight Training over allegations of intentional violations of critical flight training regulations.

The DGCA issued the transfer order on January 30, with the Director of the Drone Directorate Ravindra Kumar taking over the post of Director of Flight Training from Ajit Koshy and vice-versa.

The move comes days after DGCA received complaints alleging that a Kanpur-based flight training organisation (FTO), in collusion with officials, conducted operations with insufficient visibility, endangering trainee pilots and nearby commercial aircraft.

The Association of Flight Training Organisations (AFTO), on January 21, wrote to the regulator highlighting alleged violations of rules by Garg Aviation. The AFTO alleged that the firm operated without transponders within the controlled airspace of Chakeri.

The letter also said the Directorate of Flight Training flight operations inspector Capt Shubham Verma conducted flight checks while Garg Aviation operated 20 hours of training flights with insufficient visibility.



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INBRIEF



Hoax bomb threat triggers panic, delays flight departure

A hoax bomb threat caused a panic among the passengers of an international flight, which arrived from Frankfurt to Chennai at 12.30 a.m. on Tuesday. Police said the bomb threat to the Chennai-bound Lufthansa flight was sent through email. Immediately, the security team of the airport held an emergency meeting, and decided to completely search the plane. A bomb detection squad, along with security officials, thoroughly inspected the plane and found no bomb. The flight departed only after a delay of two hours.

Two ex-SpiceJet pilots file plea to recover ₹3 cr dues

The pilots have moved an insolvency plea in NCLT seeking to declare the airline bankrupt

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NEW DELHI

Two former pilots of SpiceJet Ltd have approached the Delhi bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), seeking to declare the airline bankrupt over unpaid dues totalling ₹3 crore.

The petition, alleging that the no-frills airline failed to pay salary arrears, deferred payments, final settlements, allowances, and overtime dues, adds to SpiceJet's ongoing litigations in NCLT, Delhi high court, and Supreme Court over other unpaid dues.

Filed by former captains Sameer Breja and Karan Gupta, who joined SpiceJet as first officers in 2011 and were promoted to captains in 2016, the plea claims that the airline owes them ₹1.21 crore and ₹1.31 crore, respectively. The dispute traces back to 2020, when SpiceJet implemented temporary salary cuts due to the coronavirus pandemic, promising deferred payments once operations returned to "normalcy."

However, the airline later tied these payments to a benchmark of 26,000 flight hours per month—a condition the pilots claim was arbitrarily introduced and not disclosed during hiring.

"The operational creditors (pilots)



NCLT adjourned the case to 7 March without issuing a notice to SpiceJet. [MINT](#)

were surprised to see such an email since the corporate debtor had never come up with any such figure to justify normalcy. In fact, during the pre-covid period or even at the time of appointment, SpiceJet had never disclosed such figures to define normalcy of flight operations," the plea says. "Thus, introducing this figure of 26,000 hours per month was not only arbitrary but also an after-thought by the Corporate Debtor to evade its liabilities."

Mint has reviewed a copy of the plea. SpiceJet has yet to comment on the

matter. Mint reached out to the pilots, but they declined to comment on record, citing the matter as sub judice.

The petition, filed under Section 9 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), also claims that in June 2020, the airline retroactively revised their compensation, further reducing their pay. The pilots have alleged that they had no choice but to accept the changes amid the pandemic. Despite repeated attempts over the years, they say SpiceJet never fully honoured even the revised terms and failed to provide final settlement agreements after their resignations in 2023.

The pilots' plea has requested the appointment of an interim resolution professional, a public announcement inviting claims from other creditors, and a moratorium on SpiceJet's assets under Section 14 of the IBC.

During a hearing on 4 February, the NCLT said that it is "neither a labour court nor a writ court" and observed that the petition seemed to be a pressure tactic to compel payment. The tribunal adjourned the case to 7 March without issuing notice to SpiceJet.

"As SpiceJet did not pay the operational debt owed to us, we had no option but to initiate insolvency proceedings before the NCLT. A labour court was not an option since the dues

are over ₹1 crore," said Piyush Singh, managing partner at PSP Legal, which represents the pilots.

Singh also noted that several other pilots have approached them with similar concerns. "Four to five more pilots are in touch with us, but their dues are below ₹1 crore, which is the minimum required to file an insolvency plea. We are exploring other legal remedies for them," he said.

The petition adds to a growing list of insolvency cases against cash-strapped SpiceJet. As of November, at least 16 such claims had been filed, primarily by aircraft lessors and vendors. Of these, five have been settled and withdrawn, two are under settlement discussions, seven remain pending, and two have been dismissed.

In December, SpiceJet resolved a \$16 million dispute with aircraft lessor Genesis and settled a \$90.8 million claim from Export Development Canada for \$22.5 million, securing ownership of 13 Q400 planes.

Earlier, Mint reported that creditors have increasingly used NCLT petitions as leverage to secure settlements, with most cases being withdrawn before advancing in insolvency litigation.

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India SAF Alliance launched to propel sustainable aviation, energy goals

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NEW DELHI: In a major step towards decarbonising the aviation sector and positioning India as a global leader in sustainable energy, the India SAF Alliance was officially launched on Wednesday during the India Climate Week 2025.

The event witnessed the presence of Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, alongside prominent stakeholders from the bio-fuels and aviation sectors.

Addressing the gathering, Gadkari underscored the government's commitment to transforming India from an energy importer to an energy

exporter. He highlighted the importance of futuristic development strategies and transformative policies for integrating Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) into the country's aviation ecosystem.

Sharing insights on biomass, biofuels, corn methanol, and waste utilization, the minister further emphasised the critical role of such initiatives in building a resilient and sustainable energy framework.

The India SAF Alliance, driven by industry leaders and policymakers, aims to create a robust ecosystem for the production, adoption, and innovation of SAF in India. The initiative aligns with the coun-



Dignitaries including Union Minister Nitin Gadkari during the India Climate Week 2025

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try's ambition to achieve net-zero emissions by 2070 and reduce the aviation sector's car-

bon footprint.

Vijay Nirani, Co-Chairperson of the Alliance and Founder

of Trualt Bioenergy, laid out ambitious targets, including a 1 percent SAF blend by 2027, increasing to 5 percent by 2030, as part of a blueprint for sustainable aviation.

India aims to achieve a 10 percent SAF blend with conventional jet fuel by 2030, a move aligned with its broader carbon reduction and renewable energy goals. As the third-largest aviation market globally, the country's rapid growth necessitates sustainable solutions like SAF, with the global market for the fuel projected to expand significantly by the end of the decade.

The Alliance, an initiative of the Carbon Markets Association of India (CMAI), is dedicated

to fostering SAF development and policy advocacy. It aims to deliver high-quality SAF solutions while contributing to Scope 3 emission reductions, thereby incentivizing stakeholders to accelerate the transition to a net-zero future and promoting grassroots-level economic development.

India Climate Week 2025 brought together government officials, industry leaders, policymakers, climate experts, academics and civil society representatives.

The event emphasised inclusive engagement for decarbonisation and resilience, inspiring scalable strategies to combat climate change.



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Hoax bomb threat to flight from Frankfurt

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Chennai: After a nine-hour flight from Frankfurt, 174 Lufthansa passengers and crew had to spend another hour in the plane at Chennai airport because of a bomb threat.

The plane (LH-758) was moved to a corner of the airport for a search by the bomb squad.

The threat was received through email and the pilot was informed about it by the air controller as soon as the flight landed at 12.22am on Tuesday.

During the search, passengers were busy filming the bomb squad and calling up family.

After safety protocols concluded according to the Aircraft (Security)



Rules, the bomb squad confirmed the threat to be a hoax and allowed the plane to be moved to its designated bay.

The incident caused a stir at the airport and delayed the return flight to Frankfurt.

The flight left Chennai airport two hours behind schedule, according to an officer.